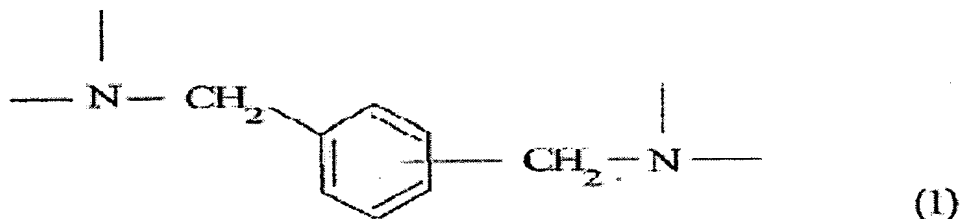


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and all prior listings, of claims in the application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) A pneumatic tire comprising a skin layer which is formed by curing a polyurethane resin composition comprising a compound having active hydrogen atoms and an organic polyisocyanate compound, has an oxygen permeation coefficient at 23°C under a relative humidity of 60% of 2.0 ml·mm/m²·day·MPa or smaller and comprises 20% by weight or more of a skeleton structure represented by formula (1):



wherein the compound having active hydrogen atoms is at least one compound selected from addition products of alkylene oxides to aromatic-aliphatic polyamines, addition products of polyols to aromatic-aliphatic polyisocyanate compounds and aromatic-aliphatic polyols, and wherein said pneumatic tire further comprises an auxiliary layer, having a thickness in a range of 50 to 500 μm, which is disposed adjacent to the skin layer and comprises an elastomer having an oxygen permeation coefficient at 23°C under a relative humidity of 60% of 5,000 ml·mm/m²·day·MPa or smaller.

2. and 3. (Cancelled).

4. (Previously presented) A pneumatic tire according to Claim 1, wherein the compound having active hydrogen atoms is a compound having an odd number of atoms connecting the active hydrogen atoms, and the organic polyisocyanate compound is a compound having an odd number of atoms connecting isocyanate groups.

5. and 6. (Cancelled).

7. (Currently amended) A pneumatic tire according to Claim 16, wherein the compound having active hydrogen atoms is at least one compound selected from addition products of alkylene oxides to aromatic-aliphatic polyamines.

8. (Original) A pneumatic tire according to Claim 7, wherein the compound having active hydrogen atoms is an addition product of an alkylene oxide to xylylenediamine.

9. (Previously presented) A pneumatic tire according to Claim 7, wherein the alkylene oxide is at least one compound selected from alkylene oxides having 2 to 4 carbon atoms.

10. (Previously presented) A pneumatic tire according to Claim 1, wherein the organic polyisocyanate compound is a reaction product of component (a) and component (b) or a reaction product of component (a), component (b) and component (c) and has at least two NCO groups at ends of a molecule, component (a), component (b) and component (c) being:

- (a) a polyfunctional isocyanate compound,
- (b) at least one polyhydric alcohol selected from polyhydric alcohols having 2 to 10 carbon atoms, and
- (c) at least one compound selected from aromatic polyfunctional amines, aromatic-aliphatic polyfunctional amines, alicyclic polyfunctional amines, aliphatic polyfunctional amines, aliphatic alkanolamines, aromatic polybasic carboxylic acids, alicyclic polybasic carboxylic acids and aliphatic polybasic carboxylic acids.

11. (Original) A pneumatic tire according to Claim 10, wherein the polyfunctional isocyanate compound of component (a) is at least one compound selected from xylylene diisocyanate and compounds derived from xylylene diisocyanate.

12. (Original) A pneumatic tire according to Claim 11, wherein the polyfunctional isocyanate compound of component (a) is xylylene diisocyanate.

13. - 15. (Cancelled).

16. (Previously presented) A pneumatic tire according to Claim 8, wherein the alkylene oxide is at least one compound selected from alkylene oxides having 2 to 4 carbon atoms.

17. - 19. (Cancelled).

20. (Previously presented) A pneumatic tire according to claim 1, wherein the skin layer has a thickness in a range of about 1 to 100 μm .

21. (Previously presented) A pneumatic tire according to claim 20, wherein said range is 5 to 30 μm .

22. (Previously presented) A pneumatic tire according to claim 1, wherein the auxiliary layer is disposed so that internal pressure in the tire is retained by the auxiliary layer when pin holes or cracks are formed in the skin layer.